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ANNUAL REPORT



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V I S I O N



Realising the Foundation's vision

The John James Foundation is Canberra's leading medical philanthropic charity.

Our vision is to strengthen health outcomes in our community, striving to improve the patient and doctor experience in Canberra.

We achieve our mission by providing:

- **Education and vocation opportunities**
- **Infrastructure for charitable use, and**
- **Support for community organisations in the health sector**

The Foundation was established in 2006 and comprises 165 of Canberra's leading private medical specialists. We remain committed to the Foundation's mission through the legacy of Dr John James.

Chairman's Message

On behalf of the Board of the John James Foundation, I am pleased to present our FY 2021 Annual Report.

Strong early decisions in setting a new direction

The Foundation had an excellent year during a period that has been challenging across all parts of our society.

Whilst the Not-For-Profit sector continues to work through the implications of a pandemic that we are learning to live with, the Foundation shifted its strategic focus throughout the year. We undertook a comprehensive review of our programs and made early decisions on how we can maximise the positive impact we will have in the years ahead.

We have:

- Distributed almost \$1M to community organisations through larger, multi-year, grant funding that will enable organisations to rebuild capacity and adjust to a new normal.
- Ceased pursuing international volunteering, and with the understanding this will look very different in the future we have begun planning a new volunteering framework for our Members, and
- Focused on growing our capability in developing infrastructure for charitable use. A highlight of our building capability was the recent completion of a \$4.5M education centre for children aged 2-6 years with severe autism and commencement of \$20M project to establish a Disability Wellbeing Centre in Deakin.

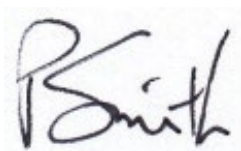
The financial capacity to deliver on mission

With an unwavering focus on strengthening health outcomes in the community, we build our corpus to enable us to undertake the programs and projects outlined above. This year our bottom line grew by \$13.62M. This is a result of astute investing by the Finance Committee, who steward the finances with a great sense of responsibility. The Committee meets regularly, but members give tenfold that amount of time outside the boardroom in analysing and researching our investments. We thank those individuals for their work.

The sum of our parts

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our Board and staff, who collectively drive the Foundation forward with their passion and goodwill. I also take the opportunity to thank our Members, who continue to work on the front-line leading Canberra's pandemic response. We have never been more aware that public health issues need a collective response, and we look forward to working together in the years ahead to improve health outcomes in our community.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Paul Smith, AM, Chair

CEO's Message

Surviving in 2020 and thriving in 2021: It is the difference a year can make through challenging times and uncertain futures.

Supporting the community

This year we distributed more philanthropic funding than ever before, approving almost \$1M in grants to community organisations in need. For the first time we provided three large grants (greater than \$100k) as we become more cognisant as a society that by working together we can achieve more. In this vein we are committing more to our current partners in providing a major annual grant of \$430k to the AEIOU Foundation to support delivery of world class autism services here in Canberra.



Joe Roff, Chief Executive Officer

Building a reputation for building

We completed our second major community infrastructure project and were pleased to deliver a new facility to the AEIOU Foundation in July. It was with a great sense of pride that we saw the joy of the children, and gratitude of their families, for a facility and service that hitherto did not exist in Canberra. In parallel we formalised a partnership and finalised our commitment to the next building project, a \$20M Disability Wellbeing Centre in Canberra. We are scaling up and planning is well under way.

During the year we relocated the Foundations office, moving off the John James Hospital campus for the first time. This is a natural evolution of the Foundation as we continue to mature as a leading medical charity that exists for the benefit of all of Canberra.

The people driving the Foundation

We have an excellent Board. Staff derive motivation from the tone the Board sets, and the time, passion, and support our Directors give to the Foundation is greatly appreciated. I thank them for their ongoing commitment to the work of the Foundation.

We retain a small and capable team, who care about the work of the Foundation, and about each other. We farewelled Ms Helen Carter through the year after almost 7 years of distinguished service. Helen is pursuing a career in public health, recognition that the values of the Foundation are lived by the people that work here. I give thanks to my colleagues for making the Foundation a great place to work.

We have had a wonderful year and take nothing for granted as we look to our future. I look forward to sharing that journey with our Members and community.

Yours sincerely,



\$4.5m Completion of Autism Education Centre for children aged 2-6



\$876k Community grants supporting capacity building



\$450,000 Accommodation savings for cancer patients staying at the John James Village



18 Community organisations who are grant beneficiaries



3 Major Grants



3 Medical Scholarships

Our People



4 Staff Members



165 Members



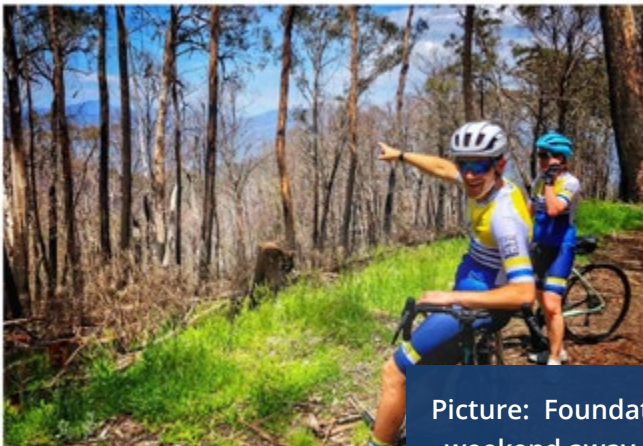
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Member Engagement

Our Members continue to have leadership roles in Canberra's response to the challenges of dealing with the pandemic whilst maintaining quality healthcare for our community. It was a busy year professionally, and so a chance for respite through our Member activities was welcome.

The highlight was a weekend in the mountains, in which a diverse cross section of Foundation Members came together to cycle, fish, hike, eat, drink and laugh.

It was difficult to plan too far ahead, and we were only able to hold a small number of events. However, our Members saw scarcity as an opportunity to truly appreciate connecting and getting outdoors. When it is not taken for granted, we are all the more grateful for the time we spend with friends and colleagues.



Picture: Foundation Members enjoying a weekend away in the Snowy Mountains

Community Health

Community Health Program (CHP)

Foundation grant funding is allocated to improve health outcomes for our community, with a specific focus on local charities that pursue projects or services that would not exist without the support of the Foundation. Recipients are very often volunteers who can make a small amount go a long way, and the Foundation is proud to continue a tradition of supporting our community organisations.

The Foundation distributed \$876k in grant funding through the Community Health Program during 2021. This is more than at any other time in the Foundations history.

Our philanthropic grant giving is broken down into three primary areas of focus:

1. Regular giving – The Foundation committed \$361K across 15 Canberra community organisations who provide a range of services across the Canberra health sector. A number of new, multi-year grants have been awarded, moving the Foundation toward closer collaboration and partnership-based funding with organisations aligned with our vision.

2. Major grants – The Foundation awarded \$515K via three major grants of greater than \$100K each. The Foundation believes in the value of partnering to provide leveraged benefit to the community. These projects were in support of projects founded on co-commitments from government and the private sector, and

3. Community Partners - The Foundation has a vested interest in the successful delivery of services from its own facilities. Planning was finalised to provide major grants to the AEIOU Foundation and Leukaemia Foundation, who both now operate out of John James Foundation owned buildings. This funding is provided to enable continuous improvement of service outcomes being delivered out of the John James Village precinct. These grants will total more than \$1M when formalised in the coming reporting period.



Picture: CEO Mr Joe Roff receiving a flat white from staff of the Sharing Places Café, proudly funded by the Foundation.

CHP Regular Giving

Organisation	Project	Funding
Bosom Buddies ACT Inc	Financial Support Program - Lymphoedema	\$10,000
Cystic Fibrosis Association ACT INC	Cystic Fibrosis Physical Fitness Activity Subsidy	\$34,500
Cerebral Palsy Alliance	World-class physiotherapy equipment for people with disability in Canberra	\$30,000
Capital Region Muscular Dystrophy Inc	The Lifestyle and Exercise Education Program (LEEP)	\$19,640
Directions Health Services Limited	Primary Health and AOD Mobile Clinic	\$15,000
ACT Deafness Resource Centre Inc	John James Foundation Hearing Aiders Program	\$30,000
Epilepsy ACT	Epilepsy Mental Health Support Program	\$15,000
Guide Dogs NSW/ACT	Low Vision (Orthoptic) Services and equipment for older people in Canberra	\$30,000
The Humour Foundation	Canberra Clown Doctor	\$19,020
Marymead Child and Family Centre	Carrying Kids in Need	\$20,000
Mental Illness Education ACT Inc	DoNOHarm: Sharing Stories Safely - Youth	\$38,436
Parkinson's ACT	Occupational Therapy - Education, Awareness Raising and Guidance	\$29,980
Palliative Care ACT	Beds and furniture for Leo's Place – Respite	\$15,000
Project Independence	Pathways to Independence Program	\$24,120
The Shepherd Centre - For Deaf Children	The Early Intervention Initiative for Deaf Children in the ACT	\$30,000

Total \$360,696

CHP Major Grants

Organisation	Project	Funding
Fair Fight Foundation Ltd.	Project Canberra - Superteens	\$115,000
Ricky Stuart Foundation rep by Ricky Stuart House Ltd	A Home for People with a Disability – Design and Blue Print	\$150,000
QBN Respite Care	Respite Care for QBN – Fit-out	\$250,000

Total \$515,000

Education and Vocation

The John James Foundation ANU Indigenous Medical Student Scholarship is valued at \$100,000, supporting the successful student for their four year degree with a \$25,000 per year award.

Steph Pollard completes her studies

During the year we congratulated and farewelled Ms Steph Pollard, who completed her medical studies at the end of 2020. Steph is extremely appreciative for the support of the Foundation scholarship over the past 5 years and accepted an internship at Orange Hospital in rural NSW in 2021.

"I have an Indigenous background, so I have always been interested in smaller communities where there is a bigger gap in Indigenous Health".

The Foundation wishes Steph all the very best in her medical career and in her vocation supporting positive rural health outcomes.



Picture: Ms Steph Pollard on placement in rural NSW in 2019 (photo reproduced with permission)

Lucas Bachmann awarded the Foundations 2021 Indigenous Medical Scholarship

The Foundation was proud to announce the 2021 recipient of the Foundations Indigenous Medical Scholarship. Having completed a Bachelor of Biomedical Science Lucas moved from Queensland to Canberra this year to pursue his studies at ANU.

"Affording to relocate to Canberra to study seemed to be far outside my financial means, and I was worried I was not going to be able to pursue my dream. This is where the John James Foundation Scholarship comes into play and is one of the many reasons I am so grateful for being awarded the scholarship".

Mr Lucas Bachmann is a proud Munanjali man from around the Beaudesert area of Queensland, and holds a passion for rural health.

"In tying these dreams to my Indigenous ancestry, I want to become a doctor who can help other Indigenous Australian's improve their own health and their family's health, through being a doctor that brings culturally appropriate good healthcare to the Indigenous members of the communities I end up serving".



Picture: 2021 Scholarship recipient Mr Lucas Bachmann (photo reproduced with permission)

International Medical Scholarship in Masters of Cancer Sciences

Foundation Scholarship holder Dr Andrew Soma, from the National Referral Hospital in the Solomon Islands, continues to go above and beyond to achieve his mission to become the first qualified Oncologist in the Solomons. With the support of the Foundation Dr Soma commenced studying the online Master of Cancer Sciences through the University of Melbourne.

"Before the course became available in 2019, options for people like me meant moving overseas, leaving family, and depriving the local health service of staff. Recently the pandemic has removed even this limited opportunity," says Dr Soma.

We commend Dr Soma for his commitment to an education that will help the lives of many of the world's poorest people in his Pacific Islands community.

Facilities and Infrastructure

AEIOU Canberra Region Autism Centre

The John James Foundation continues to deliver on its commitment to strengthening health outcomes in our community through the philanthropic provision of community-based, purpose-built facilities and infrastructure.

Since our 2020 Annual Report, the Foundation has focussed on successful construction and completion of its second major Community Infrastructure Project, the \$4.5million, purpose-built AEIOU early intervention autism facility located in Garran. The 1100m² facility features 4 large activity rooms, sensory assessment and telehealth capability in addition to sustainable elements including a 33KwH solar panel array with twin 20KwH LG battery storage which operates the facility independent of mains supply power.

Some project highlights include;

- \$100k Rotary Club of Hall contribution to the building design.
- 8 Month construction program finishing 21 days ahead of schedule despite 32 days lost to wet weather and supply chain impacts from a COVID-19 business environment.
- High quality construction delivered by Project Coordination Pty Ltd (Builder).
- Canberra's largest purpose designed interactive mural in the children's playground.
- Innovative construction techniques attracting attention of Tertiary Institutions as case study material.
- Facility allows families to remain together in Canberra and access specialist autism services.

The facility is overwhelmingly supported by Garran residents, with many locals already volunteering their services and finances to support the AEIOU program. The AEIOU Autism Centre extends the broader John James Village Precinct and has allowed the Foundation to further enhance its reach into supporting our local community.

The Foundation now enjoys a formal Community Infrastructure Project Partnership (CIPP) with the highly acclaimed AEIOU Foundation. The Foundation recently committed to supporting AEIOU with longitudinal grant funding to guarantee early intervention autism services for Canberra and surrounding communities. Longitudinal granting support is a feature of formalising robust and objective aligned partnerships with the Foundation.

Although the official building opening with Foundation Patron, His Excellency, the Hon David Hurley AC Governor General of Australia was postponed due to the recent COVID outbreak, the AEIOU Centre is operational and with capacity for 40 enrolments, already accommodates 22 children with a further 10 children to be inducted in October 2021.

For each child accessing the AEIOU program there is a cost benefit to society of \$2.1 million, a simple metric highlighting the Foundation's targeted Partnerships extend beyond the provision of high-quality purpose-built facilities.





John James Village enjoys it's 5th Birthday

Time certainly flies in the life of the Foundation. In August 2021 we recognised the John James Village's 5th birthday. The facility still looks incredible and continues to provide life-changing respite accommodation for those in need.

The John James Village respite accommodation facility operated by Community Infrastructure Partner, the Leukaemia Foundation Australia (LFA), continues to provide valuable accommodation for patients and their families undergoing treatment for Blood Cancers at the Canberra Hospital.

Despite logistical restrictions due to the COVID environment, the Leukaemia Foundation reports greater than 80% utilisation of the facility in the past financial year. More than 1535 bed nights were provided, equating to accommodation savings of approximately \$450,000 for the 102 patients and their families seeking respite at the Village. The Foundation is proud to be alleviating such a financial burden and providing comfort and support for patients requiring treatment for blood cancers.

Financial Summary

For the year ended 30/6/21:

The Foundation closed the Financial Year with net assets totalling \$134.66M (2020: \$121.04 M).

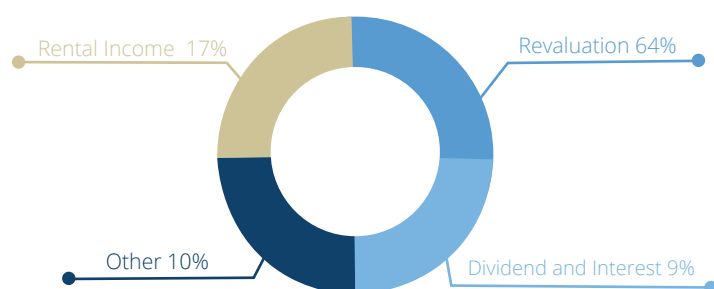
Total assets were \$152.82M (2020: \$140.86M) and total liabilities were \$18.16M (2020: \$19.82M).

The Foundation held \$24.05M in cash equivalents and \$65.63M in tradable securities. The Foundation's Investment property in North Ryde was independently valued at \$48.0M and the John James Village retained it's value of \$7.8M. Construction also progressed on the AEIOU Signature Project during the year, and the AEIOU Canberra Centre subsequently opened it's doors in July 2021. At the end of the financial year, \$4.52M had been committed to the project.

The result from operations was a surplus of \$13.62M. Total income during the period was \$17.64M (of which \$11.37M was unrealised), whilst operating expenses were \$4.02M.

Employee benefits were \$562K (2020: \$511). Program expenses rose to \$1.2M (2020: \$888K), following the Foundation's additional commitment to several local community groups improving health outcomes in Canberra and surrounds.

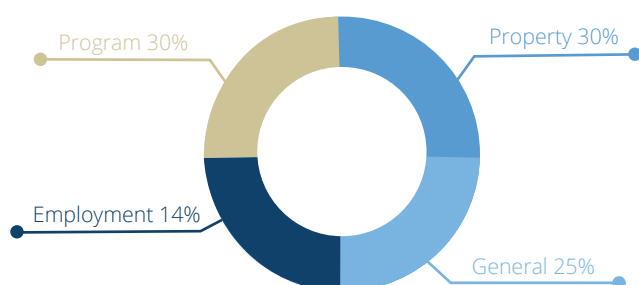
Income



Investment Portfolio



Operating Expenses



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Picture: Board members at the Strategic Planning Retreat (left to right):
Dr Nick Gemmell Smith, Dr Linda Weber, Professor Paul Smith,
Dr Tim Makeham, Mr Mark Sullivan, Dr Liz Gallagher, Dr Jeff Harmer
(absent Dr Vida Viliunas, Mr Brian Acworth)

